

Taft Candidates To Seek Labor Committee Jobs

WASHINGTON (U)—The forces of Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) are backing a hand-picked slate of candidates to fill three expected vacancies on the Republican side of the Senate Labor Committee in the next Congress.

Well informed sources said the John M. Butler (R-Mid.), Potter (R.-Mich.) and Goldwater (R.-Ariz.) for the posts and have high hopes the GOP will be assigned. Two of the spots will open up automatically, and the third is expected to result from an all-but-final decision to bump Sen. Morse of Oregon out of his seat on the Republican side of the committee.

Morse quit the GOP in the midst of the election campaign and labeled himself an independent. Thus, the Republican side of the committee, with a seven-six edge on the Democrats, would be composed of the three new members and Senators Taft, Aiken of Vermont, Smith of New Jersey and Yves of New York.

Sen. Richard Nixon of California is leaving the committee to become vice president, creating one of the automatic vacancies. The other arises from the fact the majority party is entitled to a one seat margin on every 13 member committee.

The Democrats have kept silent on their plans. One of their present seven members of the committee must step aside to give the Republicans the seven - six edge.

Morse predicts the GOP leaders will refuse to give him a seat on any important committee because of his campaign rebellion. Although he urged the election of Democrat Adlai Stevenson as President, he has indicated he does not expect the Democrats to hand him any really choice plum.

Some Republicans hint that Morse has strengthened the likelihood that he will be relegated to minor committee posts by his recent speeches bitterly predicting such treatment.

Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Neb.) whose committee on committees has a strong voice in assigning members to committee posts, told a reporter grimly:

"Sen. Morse says he expects to be assigned to the Post Office and District of Columbia Committees. He may be right."

The district committee handles local legislation for the city of Washington. The Post Office Committee handles postal and civil service legislation.

Police Car, Auto Collide in Rain

A police car and another auto collided Sunday evening in the 400 block of State Street with no serious damage to either vehicle.

The police car, driven by David J. Bain, 21610 S. High St., was enroute to a call in that block when the collision occurred with an auto driven by Raymond Lee Stuart, 1417 N. Liberty St. The streets were described as slippery and it was raining. No injuries were incurred and no citations were issued.

Rosenberg Backers Kept From Prison

OSSINING, N.Y. (U)—A delegation of more than 700 persons seeking clemency for condemned atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg was intercepted by police Sunday and not permitted near Sing Sing Prison.

Seven members of the group, with police permission, approached the gates of the big penitentiary where the man and wife spy team is to be executed the week of Jan. 11.

Outside the walls they deposited a large basket of flowers with the message, "Greetings to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg from the people."

Hours later the flowers remained untouched in the cold, drizzling rain of the winter day.

The delegation traveled in an eight-car special train from New York City. It was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress.

Fatal Stabbing Brings Arrest

MEDFORD (U)—Howard L. Champ, 32, was arrested here early Sunday shortly after the fatal stabbing in a trailer house of George C. Rock, 50.

Coroner Carlos Morris said Champ told him that he and Rock had fought previously over Rock's housekeeper.

Rock is survived by three sons, Jack, Shady Cove; Thomas, Medford, and Glenn, in the Army in Germany, and two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Cuntz and Mrs. Sarah Repman, both of Medford.

Champ is being held in the county jail here.

C-124 Failed to Gain Speed for Take-off, Captain Declares

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (U)—An Air Force captain with much heavy plane flying experience who survived Saturday's crash of a C-124 here, said Sunday he believes the plane "had not developed enough power to complete the take-off."

The opinion was voiced by Capt. George Demas, of Cleveland, O., Charleston, S.C., 35 year old veteran of World War II and the Korean fighting.

Demas was enroute to Charleston to visit his wife and two children when the giant Globemaster crashed with a loss of 86 lives. He has never seen his five month old son Demas.

The captain said he was third from the end in the lower deck of the tail section at the start of the ill-fated trip. He told this story of the short trip:

"As we were going down the runway I had a peculiar feeling based on my own experience in flying heavy planes that we were staying too long on the ground."

"I became convinced of this when I felt the plane bounce at the end of the runway and it seemed that the plane had not developed enough power to complete the takeoff."

Capt. Demas received a fractured vertebra and fractured collarbone in the crash. He and eight other of the injured were being flown Sunday night to Brooke Army General Hospital at San Antonio, Tex., for further treatment.

Freighter Hard Aground on Pacific Reef

HONOLULU (U)—The freighter Quartette ran hard aground in treacherous Pearl and Hermes Reef in the mid-Pacific Sunday.

A Coast Guard flying boat from Midway, 90 miles to the west, was dispatched to circle the spot, and the Navy patrol craft PC1145 from Midway was due to arrive late Sunday.

The 7,298-ton Liberty-type ship, with a crew of 44, had extensive damage to the double bottom in Nos. 1 and 2 holds, the master, Capt. C. Catsambis, reported in a radio message.

The Hawaiian Sea Frontiers said the sea was rough with wind up to 23 miles an hour. Doubt was expressed whether the Quartette could be refloated.

Owned by the Standard Steamship Co., of Wilmington, Del., and under charter to the Military Sea Transport Service, she was enroute from Galveston, Tex., with 10,000 tons of fodder for Pusan, Korea.

There has been no explanation how the ship hit the reef. The Coast Guard flying boat reported that the ship's No. 1 hold was flooded.

The flying boat crew also said the captain did not plan to remove the Quartette's crew at present as the ship was in no immediate danger of broaching or breaking up.

The Navy patrol craft PC1145, enroute to the ship, has orders to stand by until all danger passes. Castle and Cooke, Honolulu agents for the Quartette, arranged for Isaleways, Ltd., to send the civilian tug mo to the stricken freighter. The mo was to leave Honolulu Sunday afternoon. It will reach the ship in about four and one-half days.

NEWPORT STORE ROBBED

NEWPORT, Ore. (U)—Police said Sunday that approximately \$4,000 had been reported stolen from Halle Super Market here Saturday night.

The back door of the store had been forced open and the money taken from a locked filing case in the upstairs office.

Vic Jenkins is manager of the store.

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Naval Air Facility Plans Yule Party

The Salem Naval Air Facility will be host to a Christmas party for all station keepers and their families beginning at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Organizers of the party expect to have 41 children present in the hangar party at McNary Field as well as some 40 adults. Eyerly Aircraft Company has supplied the facility with some carnival equipment for the pleasure of the children. Santa himself is scheduled to fly in for the party with presents for the children.

U.N. Bombers Pound at Red Troops, Bases

By FORREST EDWARDS

SEOUL (U)—American and South Korean fighter bombers pounded Communist artillery, troop and supply positions on the Eastern Front above the Punchbowl Sunday afternoon, breaking a Sabbath calm that had settled across the snow-muffled 155-mile battle-line.

Ground action came to a standstill Sunday after Chinese Reds temporarily forced Eighth Army defenders from two Western Front outposts shortly after midnight Saturday. The Chinese gave up the two positions without opposition at 7 a. m. Sunday.

Up to five inches of snow blanketed the front. Predawn snow squalls dumped another inch of powder snow on the previous four-inch cover. Temperatures remained below freezing throughout the day.

The highest temperature reported up to 3:30 p. m. Sunday was a 31-above-zero on the western front. Elsewhere, the afternoon mercury readings remained in the mid-twenties.

The mercury dropped to 9 above on the West Central Front during the early morning hours.

A Fifth Air Force spokesman said the Marine, Air Force and South Korean fighter - bombers destroyed four Red artillery positions, two supply shelters and three occupied buildings.

Allied bombs touched off numerous fires and some secondary explosions, indicating hits on ammunition supplies.

Three more Communist big gun positions and 28 Red troop bunkers were damaged, the Air Force spokesman added.

MIG-hunting Allied Sabre pilots roared over North Korea, but said the few Russian built jet fighters sighted showed no inclination to fight. There were no reported jet battles.

The Reds hurled 1,400 artillery and mortar shells into the Allied sectors west of Chorwon before a Chinese company—150 to 175 men—attempted to penetrate between two Allied outposts southwest of Old Baldy.

The Chinese veered toward one outpost and its Eighth Army defenders withdrew after an hour of sporadic rifle and machine gun fire. Allied soldiers at the second outpost also drew back, without contact.

Just after dawn, Allied troops retook both positions without oppositions from the Reds.

During the pre-dawn fighting, an Allied patrol hit a group of about 60 Chinese just to the northeast. After a half hour firefight, the patrol pulled back and Allied artillery and mortar took up the job. An Eighth Army spokesman said five Chinese were killed.

Another patrol engaged a Chinese squad west of Mundung Valley, on the East Central Front, killing five Chinese.

ACCIDENT FATAL

PORTLAND (U)—An automobile-truck crash at nearby Milwaukie claimed the life early Sunday of Bernice Faye Watson, 29, Miss Watson who lived at Milwaukie, was a passenger in a car driven by Albert Wallert, Estacada.

State Police said Wallert's car rammed a parked truck.

Many of the so-called licorice candies have little or no licorice in them.

Weather Stalls Servicemen On Yule Leave

DES MOINES (U)—Operation Santa Claus ran into foul weather here leaving 66 servicemen on Christmas leaves stranded at the Des Moines Airport.

The chartered plane, paid for by the military, as part of the Operation SANTA Claus arrived here Saturday night from Travis Field, Calif. The men, some of whom are veterans of the Korean War are headed for Chicago and New York.

With the threat of a new storm expected to reach Iowa tonight, the plane might be several more days in leaving. The Des Moines Airport was closed down Sunday night because of ice.

SAN FRANCISCO (U)—Operation "Home by Christmas" went into high gear here Sunday as a big transport carrying almost 4,000 Korean War veterans arrived from the Far East.

Some of the 3,918 soldiers, sailors and marines were on their way home a few hours after the ship docked. Military authorities said processing centers operating at top speed will have the others ready to go by Monday morning.

Special transport planes were assigned or chartered to fly some of the men to discharge centers inland. Others were sped to camps in the bay area for processing.

The transport Gen. William Weigel brought home 2,092 Marine combat veterans, 1,693 soldiers and 113 Navy men.

Truman Sends Greetings to Scouts

WASHINGTON (U)—President Truman sent his final Christmas message Sunday to the Boy Scouts of America, of which he is honorary president. Extending the season's greetings, the President said:

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Beer Spillers Fight Red Tape To Give TV Set to Veterans

DETROIT (U)—The beer spillers of the New Silver Star Bar pushed a television set through a maze of government red tape Sunday.

But they barely managed to get it through—the front door of the Dearborn Veterans Hospital.

Barkeeper Tony Giammarino, fed up with days of confusion, refusals and excuses, and a pal loaded the 21-inch set into a car and drove out. Before anyone could stop them they brushed into the hospital with the set and plunked it down.

"Those veterans want to see television and they have a right to," Tony blurted at hospital officials. "I started to argue the set hadn't been cleared with the Veterans Administration, didn't have a tinker-proof screen in the rear, and didn't have a jack for earphone plugs."

"Here it be and here it stays," Tony said. "You get whatever it needs. Send me the bill, period."

But before he left, Tony signed a stack of papers to be forwarded to Washington and elsewhere for permission for the hospital to accept the set.

The beer spillers, who drop a dime in a keg every time they spill a beer, forewent their customary beer and sandwiches party this Christmas to buy the set for the veterans. But they soon learned it took more than Christmas spirit to give a TV set to a Veterans Hospital.

A group of girls from the Detroit City Gas Co., found out the same thing several weeks ago. They chipped in enough to get a 21-inch set for the veterans, but it was refused when they couldn't afford the many attachments required to get regional Washington VA clearance.

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By Sid Bolse

George Huggins

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You might be interested to know that this is the second rate reduction in Salem within a period of twelve years. With almost all commodities costing more, fire insurance rates have actually been reduced TWICE. The Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, Portland, has this to say about rate reductions:

1. Reductions apply only to business and commercial properties. DWELLING RATES ARE UNCHANGED except those in the Liberty-Salem Heights and Vista Morningside Rural fire protection districts.

2. The rates on some properties may even have increased as a result of the recent survey simply because of an increase in the hazard since a building was last surveyed—a change in occupancy, perhaps.

3. If your policy was written before May 1, 1952, a reduction cannot be allowed until the next renewal date.

We are in the process of going through our files as rapidly as possible, re-rating each policy where a reduction is in order and checks for return premiums are being mailed promptly. Further, if your policy with our office qualifies according to the above rules we would be happy to have you bring it in and we'll endorse it and issue a check while you wait. (Our policy-writer doesn't know we're being so generous with her time. Hope she is still with us when you come in!)

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